

The Cottonville Fire

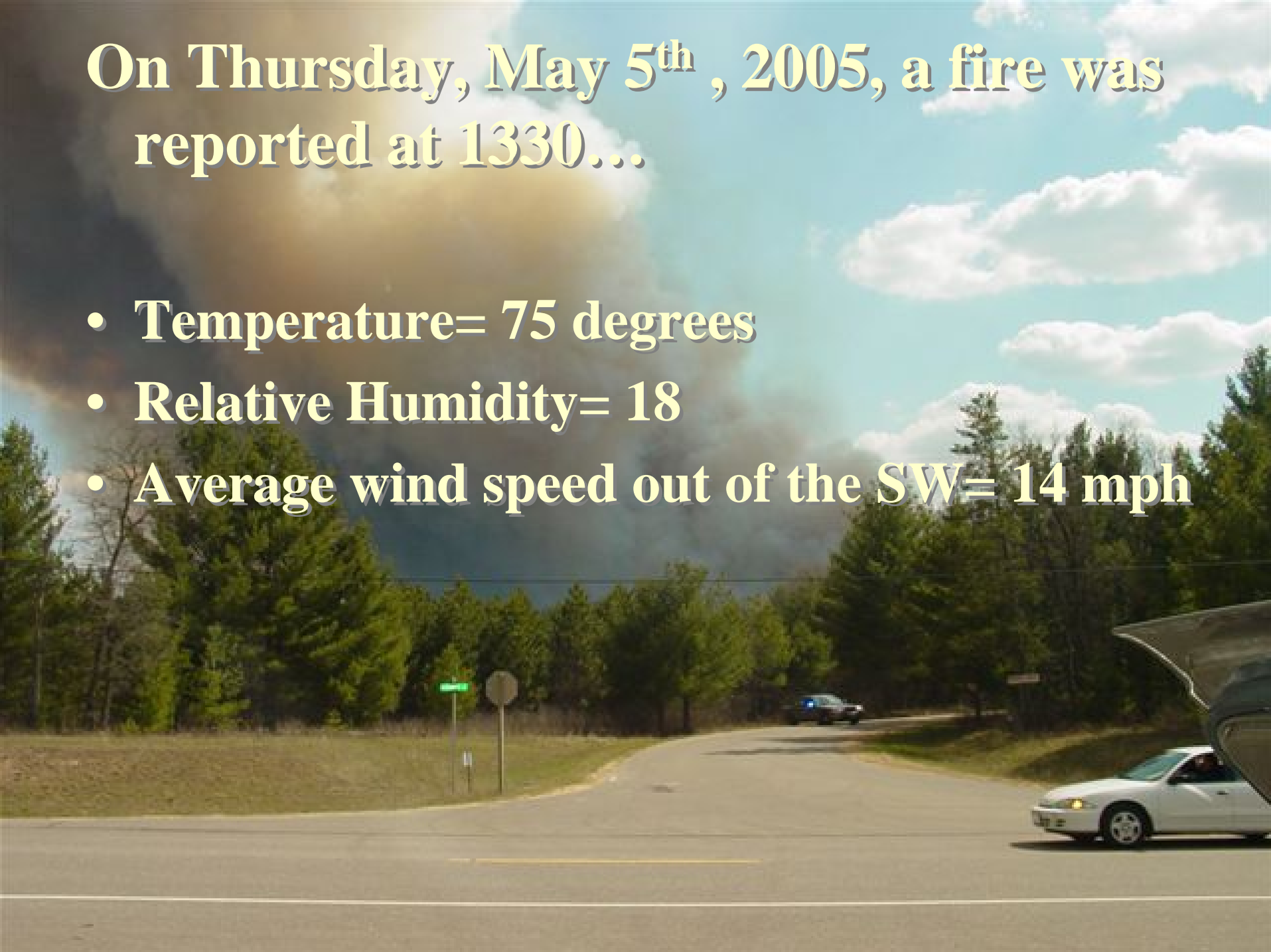
May 5, 2005

Adams County, Wisconsin



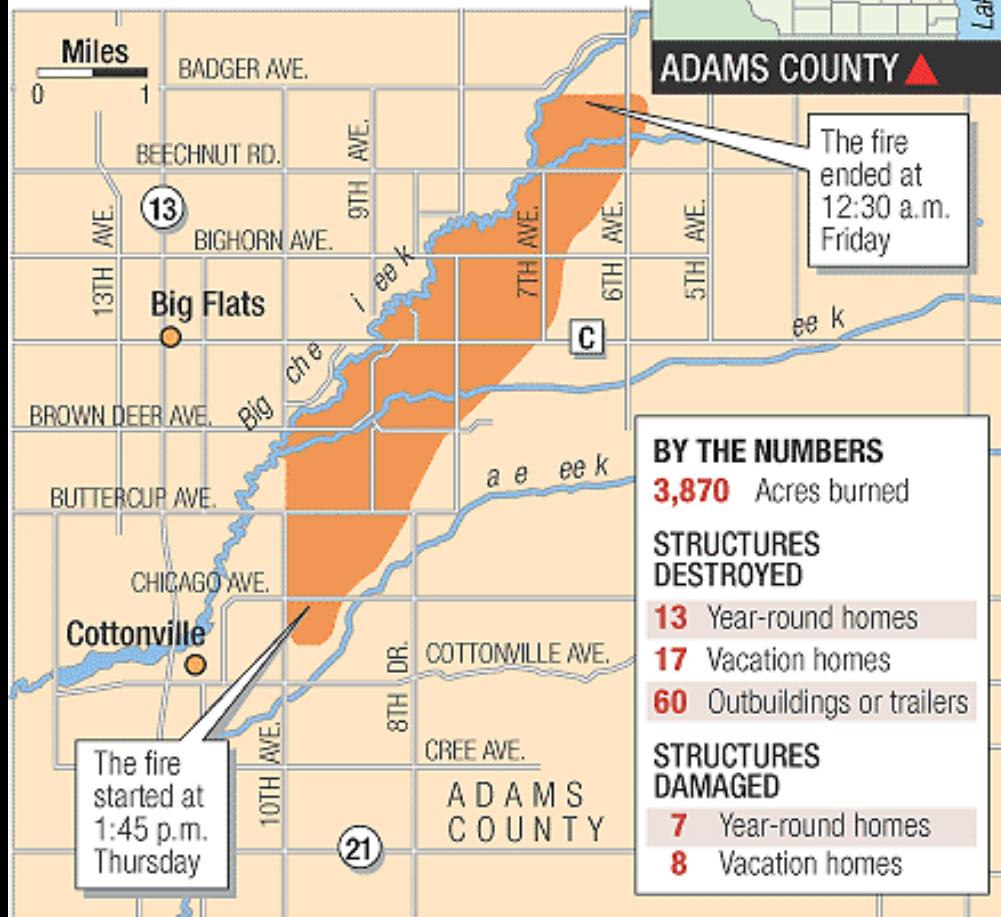
On Thursday, May 5th , 2005, a fire was reported at 1330...

- **Temperature= 75 degrees**
- **Relative Humidity= 18**
- **Average wind speed out of the SW= 14 mph**



WILDFIRE: THE DAMAGE

Wisconsin's worst forest fire in 25 years destroyed 90 homes and other buildings over six miles in Adams County.



Source: Department of Natural Resources

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***Numbers in this slide were preliminary shortly after the fire was contained.
These numbers represent the most current information.**



Cause: human

Suppression Equipment

- **30 DNR Heavy Units (type 4 & tractor plow)**
- **20 DNR 4x4's (type 7x)**
- **2 DNR Patrol Planes**
- **2 DNR Contracted SEATs**
- **3 DNR Low-ground Units**
- **6 Additional Heavy Dozers**
- **1 Minnesota CL-215**
- **20 Fire Departments**
- **Numerous other agencies**

Numerous structures at risk



30 homes were destroyed





**60 outbuildings & trailers
were destroyed**







15 structures damaged



300 homes were saved



**Fire burned a swath 7 miles long
and one mile wide**



3,410 total acres burned



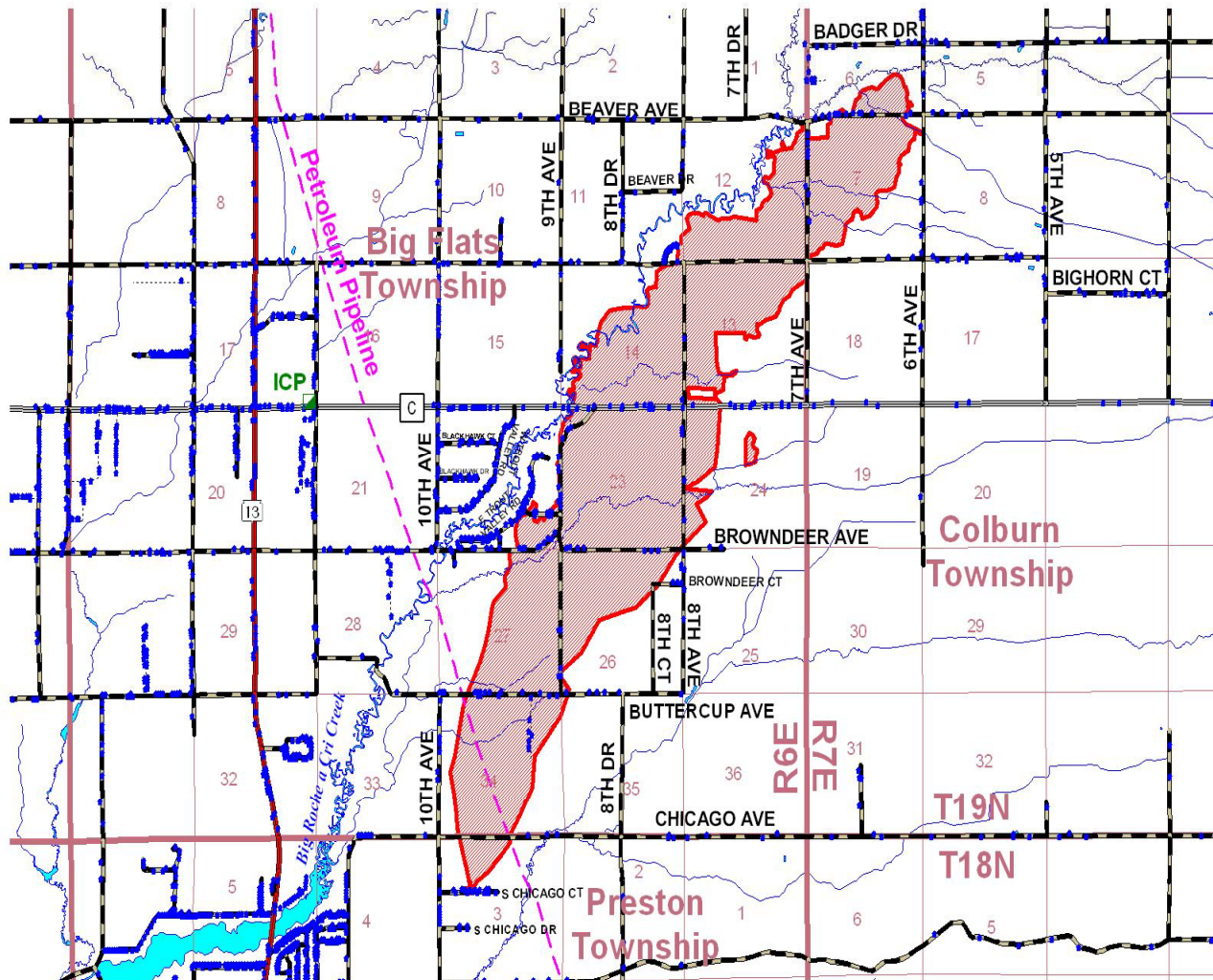
A photograph of Governor Jim Doyle at a fire station. He is wearing a green jacket and is surrounded by a group of people, including firefighters and media. A large green fire truck is visible in the background. A camera operator is in the foreground on the left, filming the scene. The scene is set inside a large fire station with a high ceiling and industrial lighting.

**Governor Jim Doyle
declares a state of emergency**

Cottonville Fire -- Final Map (Control Lines Removed)

Origin: SWNW, Sec. 3, T18N, R6E -- Adams County

Thursday, May 5, 2005 -- 3410 Acres



Legend

- █ Incident Command Post
- Structures in Fire Vicinity
- Roads**
 - State Highways
 - County Highways
 - Town & Municipal Roads
 - Other Roads
 - Private
- Survey Sections
- ▭ Town/Range
- - - Adams Co. Pipelines
- Open Water
- Rivers & Streams
- + Fire origin
- ▨ Fire area

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Primary Homes Lost - 13
 Seasonal Homes Lost - 17
 Outbuildings Lost - 60
 Residences Damaged - 15

300 Structures Saved

